

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
September 3, 2015

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 9:04 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Treasurer Marcella Reyes,  
Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Beatrice A. Law,  
Councilor Michael Naganashe

Absent at time of Roll Call: Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount,  
Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, General Counsel James Bransky,  
Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chief  
Financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Public: Dexter McNamara, Carla Osawamick, Andrew Stich Renee Dillard,  
JoEllen Keller-Crossett, Andrea Otto, Simon Otto, David Dominic

Invited Guests: - Blue Cross Check presentors - Shelley Dufort and Regina  
Brubaker-Carver, Odawa Casino Personnel-General Manager Eric McLester,  
Human Resources Director Katie Eberly, Chief Financial Officer Roger Borton,  
Property Management Director Barry Laughlin, Marketing Director Britta  
Erickson, hospitality Director Hank Rowland, Slots Director Dennis Shananaquet,  
Table Games Director Shane Robertson

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**9:10 a.m.** Councilor Winnay Wemigwase arrives.

**9:10 a.m.** Councilor Aaron Otto arrives.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
adopt the agenda of September 3, 2015 as amended.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 20, 2015.

Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

1 Motion carried.

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3 **Executive Updates**

4 Discussion Items: North Central Michigan College grand opening of new  
5 stationary CNC Lab. Salt shed and reimbursement funds. New carpet  
6 installation. Upgrading Internet and telephone system. BIA Road Funding  
7 Projects. Tentative Date of Per capita Distribution.

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9 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to  
10 acknowledge the verbal and written report as presented by Chairperson Regina  
11 Gasco Bentley on September 3, 2015.

12 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

13 Motion carried.

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15 **Legislative Leader Report** - Position is currently vacant.

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17 **Secretary Report:**

18 The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered/signed  
19 by the Executive:

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21 • Tribal Resolution #082015-01; Authorizing Odawa Homecoming  
22 Jiingtamok/Pow-wow Committee to Carryover Funds  
23 08-28-15 - Delivered to the Executive Department.  
24 08-28-15 - Signed by the Executive Department

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26 **Veto:** None

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28 **Phone Polls:** None

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30 **Discussion Items:**

31 -10/19/08 Legislative Reduction Plan FY 2008-2009 as approved by Tribal  
32 Council. Request that Council begin working on new Legislative Reduction Plan  
33 for FY 2016. This may include: Dissolution of Committees and incorporating this  
34 into work sessions, Limiting Travel, Eliminating mileage for attendance at TC  
35 work sessions and meetings, etc.

36 -Acknowledge and Thank the Youth for attending Tuesdays Work Session and  
37 expressing their opinions on the use and effect of Native Mascots/Logos.

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39 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept  
40 Secretary Shananaquet's verbal report as presented on September 3, 2015.

41 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

42 Motion carried.

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44 **Treasurer Report:**

45 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor  
46 Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal report as presented on  
47 September 3, 2015.

1 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

2 Motion carried.

3 **Tribal Council Travel Reports:**

4 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
5 acknowledge verbal travel report for attendance to the CORA meeting, held in  
6 Traverse City, MI, on August 20, 2015 and phone conference on September 2,  
7 2015.

8 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

9 Motion carried.

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11 **10:00 a.m.** Blue Cross Award Check as presented by Shelley DuFort and Regina  
12 Brubaker-Carver. Little Traverse Bay Bands received 2<sup>nd</sup> place (47 member  
13 participation)

14 10:10 a.m. Break.

15 10:21 a.m. Resume.

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18 **Tribal Council Reports:**

19 FYI: Councilor Keshick voiced his support of utilizing surplus funds to support  
20 the Youth Department.

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22 **Tribal Council Committee Reports:**

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24 **Agriculture Assessment Work Group**

25 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to  
26 accept the verbal report of the Agriculture Ad-hoc Work Group as presented by  
27 Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

28 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

29 Motion carried.

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31 **Land and Reservation Committee**

32 Discussion: Councilor Keshick recommends the two Tribal Members participate  
33 on the Water Quality Work Group.

34 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
35 accept the verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by  
36 Councilor Keshick, Committee Chairman.

37 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

38 Motion carried.

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40 **10:30 a.m.** Gaming Enterprise Board-Odawa Casino Resort: (Closed Session for  
41 Confidential Business Matters)

42 Discussion Items: Waganakising Odawak Statute 2013-006 Amendment to  
43 2002-004 Indian Preference in Tribal Employment and July General Manager  
44 Report

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46 **11:01 a.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor  
47 Wemigwase to go into closed session for Confidential business matters.

1 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent  
2 Motion carried.

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4 **11:51 a.m.** Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor  
5 Law to return to open session.

6 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent  
7 Motion carried.

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9 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by to acknowledge  
10 receipt of the July 2015 Odawa Casino Report as presented by Eric McLester,  
11 General Manager and OCR Managers.

12 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent  
13 Motion carried.

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15 **11:53 a.m. Public Comment Opens:**

- 16 • Jo Ellen Keller-Crosset – Commented on several subjects and submitted  
17 signed copy of items discussed during Public Comment.
- 18 • Citizen Carla Oswamack supported Tribal Statute and Resolution  
19 regarding Native mascots and logos.
- 20 • Citizen Andrew Stich commented on missing Tribal Council Travel  
21 Reports, AdHoc Agricultural Work Group status.
- 22 • Citizen Renee Dillard commented on supporting current Tribal Statute and  
23 Resolution regarding stance on use of Native American Mascot.

24 **12:17 p.m. Public comment closes.**

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26 **12:17 p.m. Lunch Breaks.**

27 **1:35 p.m. Meeting Resumes.**

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29 **Legal Legislative Committee**

30 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Naganashe  
31 to accept the verbal report of the Legal and Legislative Committee as presented  
32 by Councilor Law, Committee Chairperson.

33 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent  
34 Motion carried.

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36 **(Mechanical Disruption with recording system)**

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38 **Ethics Committee – No report.**

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40 **Legislative Office Reports:**

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42 **Sr. Financial Analyst Report**

43 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
44 accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report as presented  
45 on September 3, 2015.

46 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent  
47 Motion carried.

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4 **Legislative Services Attorney Report**

5 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
6 accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report as  
7 presented on September 3, 2015.

8 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

9 Motion carried

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11 **2:33 p.m. Break**

12 **2:44 p.m. Resume**

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14 **Enjinaaknegeng:** Report interrupted 3:09 p.m. in order to open floor to public  
15 comment.

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17 **3:10 p.m. Public Comment opens:**

- 18 • Andrea Otto commented on Saginaw Chippewa disenrollment.
- 19 • Tribal Elder Citizen David Dominic also commented on disenrollment.

20 **3:22 p.m. Public Comment closes.**

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22 **3:22 p.m. Enjinaaknegeng Report Resumes**

23 Discussion regarding occupancy at Harbor Springs Second Street property.

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25 **3:31 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor  
26 Wemigwase to go into closed session for legal matters.

27 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

28 Motion carried

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30 **3:51 p.m.** Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor  
31 Law to return to open session.

32 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

33 Motion carried.

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35 **3:51 p.m. Break**

36 **4:07 p.m. Resume**

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38 Councilor Naganashe absent

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40 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
41 authorize the Tribal Chairperson to sign on to the Tribal Leader Letter for Support  
42 for the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act.

43 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

44 Motion carried.

1 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
2 accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on  
3 September 3, 2015.

4 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Councilor Naganashe)

5 Motion carried.

6 Councilor Naganashe arrives

### 8 **Legislative Office Manager**

9 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
10 accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as  
11 presented on September 3, 2015.

12 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

13 Motion carried.

### 15 **LTBB Charter and/or Enterprise Committee/Board Reports**

#### 17 **Gaming Enterprise Board**

18 FYI: No quorum at last meeting

#### 20 **Action Items – Motions**

21 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to approve  
22 Enrollment List C Voluntary Relinquishment dated August 20, 2015 for a total of  
23 1.

24 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

25 Motion carried.

26  
27 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
28 acknowledge receipt of Citizenship List D Disenrollment dated August 24, 2015  
29 and set a hearing date for March 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. In accordance with  
30 Constitution Article V. Membership H. Disenrollment.

31 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

32 Motion carried.

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34 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
35 accept the Executive Judicial Nomination of John Bott for Appellate Justice and  
36 set up an interview.

37 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

38 Motion carried.

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40 Table Gaming Enterprise Board Letter of Interest until next meeting (Marvin  
41 Mulholland.

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43 Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
44 acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and resume from Tanya M. Gibbs for  
45 the Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. and to set up an interview.

46 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

47 Motion carried.

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2 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to post to  
3 the Legislative Calendar Waganakising Odawak Statute: Elder and Adult  
4 Conservatorship and Guardian Statute.

5 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

6 Motion carried.

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8 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
9 post to the Legislative Calendar Waganakising Odawak Statute: Domestic  
10 Violence Statute.

11 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

12 Motion carried.

13  
14 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post  
15 to the Legislative Calendar the changes to the Administrative Procedures Act.

16 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

17 Motion carried.

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19 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to post  
20 to the Legislative Calendar the Youth Services Department Statute sponsored by  
21 Councilor Law.

22 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

23 Motion carried.

24  
25 Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Law to  
26 approve Secretary Julie Shananaquet to sign and send the letter to the Judicial  
27 Branch dated Sept. 03, 2015 regarding Rules of Civil Procedure for Election  
28 Cases.

29 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

30 Motion carried.

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32 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Reyes to  
33 approve Denise Petoskey to serve a three (3) year term on the Gaming  
34 Enterprise Board upon obtaining a Primary Gaming license from the Gaming  
35 Regulatory Commission.

36 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Wemigwase), 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

37 Motion carried.

38  
39 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
40 approve Billi Jo Head to serve a three (3) year term on the Gaming Enterprise  
41 Board upon obtaining a Primary Gaming license from the Gaming Regulatory  
42 Commission.

43 Vote: 6-Yes, 2-No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Wemigwase), 0-Abstained, 0–  
44 Absent

45 Motion carried.

1 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to designate  
2 and assign the property, structure, assets and equipment at 229 South Huron  
3 Avenue, Mackinaw City, Michigan to the Executive and authorize the Executive  
4 oversight of Bell's Fishery, the business also located at the property, upon the  
5 enactment and implementation of the dissolution of assets of the Waganakising  
6 Odawak Statute, Repeal of WOS 2011-012, Odawa Fishery Incorporated  
7 Statute.

8 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent  
9 Motion carried.

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11 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Keshick  
12 to amend the agenda to include the following motion to authorize and approve  
13 the Tribe to offer its employees a 457(b) plan as an additional tax deferred  
14 account and to repost the Waganakising Odawak Statute, Repeal of WOS 2011-  
15 012, Odawa Fishery Incorporated Statute.

16 Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent  
17 Motion carried.

18  
19 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to  
20 authorize and approve the Tribe to offer its employees a 457(b) plan as an  
21 additional tax deferred account.

22 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent  
23 Motion carried.

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25 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to repost the  
26 Waganakising Odawak Statute, Repeal of WOS 2011-012, Odawa Fishery  
27 Incorporated Statute.

28 Vote: 8-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Otto), 0-Abstained, 0-Absent  
29 Motion carried.

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31 **Action Items: Roll Call Votes**

32 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to  
33 pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Gaming Enterprise Board  
34 Statute as sponsored by Councilor Law.

35 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
36 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes,  
37 Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
38 Motion carried.

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40 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
41 pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Budget Formulation Process as sponsored  
42 by Secretary Shananaquet.

43 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
44 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes,  
45 Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
46 Motion carried.



1 **Other Items of Business**

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3 **Adjournment**

4 5:15 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law  
5 to adjourn meeting.

6 Vote: 8-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0–Absent

7 Motion carried.

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10 **Next Scheduled Meeting**  
11 **September 17, 2015**

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13 Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1404 for  
14 additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

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16 These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete  
17 either the word “written” or “corrected” as pertains to how the minutes were  
18 approved.)

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23 Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

24 Date  
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